

Richard B. Russell, Ga., Chairman

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UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

March 10, 1955

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Permit me to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of March 7.

The meeting with you and your assistants on March 4 was an interesting and helpful one and I hope that it will be possible for the Subcommittee to meet with you again in the near future. I shall have the Committee staff contact your office within the next few weeks in an attempt to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dick Russell

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BRIEFING OF SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON

THE WORLD-WIDE INTELLIGENCE PICTURE

2:30 P.M. Tuesday, 8 March 1955

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| 1. Introduction | 2:30 - 2:50 P.M. | |
| Frank G. Wisner, Deputy Director (Plans) | | |
| 2. The U.S.S.R. | 2:50 - 3:10 P.M. | |
| [] Chief SR Division | | 50X1 |
| 3. Communist China | 3:10 - 3:30 P.M. | |
| [] FE Division | | 50X1 |
| 4. Southeast Asia | 3:30 - 3:50 P.M. | |
| [] FE Division | | 50X1 |
| 5. Western Europe | 3:50 - 4:10 P.M. | |
| [] Chief WE Division | | 50X1 |
| 6. Latin America | 4:10 - 4:30 P.M. | |
| [] Deputy Chief WH Division | | 50X1 |
| 7. Middle East and Africa | 4:30 - 4:50 P.M. | |
| Kermit Roosevelt, Assistant Deputy Director (Plans) | | |

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The Honorable Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Russell:

I sincerely welcomed the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues on the Armed Services Committee on 4 March 1955. The amount of material to be discussed was such that we were only able to cover, in the main, our organization structure, but I trust we were able to clarify several important questions in regard to our security, personnel and fiscal practices.

It is fully appreciated that you are extremely busy at this time, but I hope that we will be able at your early convenience to go into greater detail with you concerning our intelligence production, and to discuss some operational problems in various parts of the world.

We are ready to meet with you at any time.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services
Committee - 2:30-4:30 P.M. - 4 March 1955

PRESENT: Senator Richard Russell, Chairman
Senator Leverett Saltonstall
Senator Styles Bridges
Mr. William Darden, Staff

FOR CIA: Mr. Allen Dulles
General C. P. Cabell
Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick
Colonel L. K. White
Mr. Richard Helms
Mr. Sherman Kent

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1. Mr. Dulles gave the bulk of the briefing covering the DD/S area, part of DD/I, and giving Mr. Helms the last portion of the period to talk about the Clandestine Services. Colonel White was called on to cover in some detail the Communications Office. Both Colonel White and the Director covered in some detail the Security Office and the use of the polygraph. Logistics was well covered

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BRIEFING OF SENATE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ORGANIZATION, MISSIONS AND DIRECTIVES OF CIA

4 March 1955

2:30 P.M. Friday, 4 March 1955

1. Organization, Mission and Directives
Allen W. Dulles, Director 2:30 - 3:00 P.M.
2. Relations with the Armed Services
Lt. General Charles P. Cabell, Deputy Director 3:00 - 3:20 P.M.
3. The Intelligence Structure and National Estimates
Sherman Kent, Assistant Director for National Estimates 3:20 - 3:40 P.M.
4. Operations
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations, DD/P 3:40 - 4:00 P.M.
5. The Support Organization
L. K. White, Deputy Director (Support) 4:00 - 4:15 P.M.
6. Recent Organizational Changes
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General 4:15 - 4:30 P.M.

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24 February 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director (Support)
Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Deputy Director (Plans)
Chief of Operations, DD/P
Chief, Planning and Program Coordination Staff, DD/P

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Armed Services Subcommittee
2:30 P.M. Friday, 4 March - Admin. Bldg. Conf. Room
2:30 P.M. Tuesday, 8 March - Admin. Bldg. Conf. Room,
TENTATIVE

1. Senator Richard Russell has indicated that the Armed Services Subcommittee on CIA desires a briefing on Friday, 4 March 1955 at 2:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building. This briefing will be devoted to the organization, mission and directives of CIA. The Subcommittee will determine at the first briefing whether they desire a second session to deal with problems in various parts of the world. This second meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, 8 March 1955, also in the Administration Building Conference Room. Schedules indicating the speaker and time allotted are attached.

2. The CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee is composed of:

Senator Richard Russell, (D. Ga.) Chairman
Senator Harry Byrd (D. Va.)
Senator Lyndon Johnson (D. Tex.)
Senator Styles Bridges (R. N. H.)
Senator Leverett Saltonstall (R. Mass.)

Major General Verne D. Mudge, U.S.A. Retired is Staff Director for this Subcommittee. He may be assisted by William H. Darden, also of the staff of the Armed Services Subcommittee. All of the above may be present at the briefing.


3. All members of the Subcommittee and the Staff are cleared for top secret and [redacted] There will be no recorder present and the Subcommittee does not plan to keep any transcript of the

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briefings. The Chairman has asked that knowledge of the fact that these briefings have taken place be closely held as he is most anxious that there be no leak to the Press. Consequently, it is requested that this information be held to the recipients of this memorandum.

4. There will undoubtedly be questions during the presentations as well as at the conclusion. It is therefore suggested that briefers anticipate this and time their talks to fit into the time allotted. If questions are asked on which the answer is not readily available, the Subcommittee may be told that the answer will be obtained and presented at the next briefing or given to General Mudge for passage to the Subcommittee. It is requested that all charts or graphics presentations be in Room 121 of Administration Building by noon on the day of briefing so that they may be assembled in the presentation room before the start of the briefing. The attached schedules indicate who will be present from CIA during the briefings.


Wm B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

Attachment:
Briefing Schedule

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The Honorable Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Russell:

I appreciate your letter of 23 February 1955. We shall be prepared to meet with your Subcommittee at 2:30 P.M., Friday, 4 March 1955, and will provide the transportation to bring the individual members to our Administration Building. We have also set aside the afternoon of Tuesday, 8 March 1955, in the event the Subcommittee wishes a second meeting on any phases of our work.

The prepared agenda for the 4 March meeting is attached. If there are any other points you wish to have covered at this meeting, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Attachment

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UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

February 23, 1955

Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am informed that a member of the Committee staff has consulted with Mr. Kirkpatrick of your Agency with reference to your meeting with the Subcommittee appointed in my letter of January 28, 1955.

Friday, March 4, at 2:30 P.M. is a satisfactory date for the first meeting, at which the organization, missions and directives of the Agency would be explained.

Tuesday, March 8, can be tentatively set as the date for the second meeting at which the Subcommittee would be given the world-wide intelligence picture. Details as to this second meeting can be confirmed by announcement at the close of the first meeting.

The suggestion to have the meetings in your Administration Building is entirely satisfactory and your offer to provide individual transportation for the members is greatly appreciated.

Subcommittee notices informing the members of the Subcommittee of the above arrangements will be sent by my office at an appropriate time.

Sincerely,

/s/

Richard B. Russell

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9 February 1955

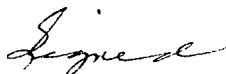
Major General Verne D. Mudge
Member, Professional Staff
U. S. Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Mudge:

In accordance with our conversation of 8 February 1955
I have prepared agenda for meetings of the Subcommittee.
If the Chairman finds this material acceptable, we will be
prepared to meet at his convenience.

It was a genuine pleasure to meet with you, and I
greatly appreciate your courtesy in coming over.

Sincerely,



Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr.

Enclosures: 2

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MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

First Meeting

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| 1. Recent Organizational Changes | 20 minutes |
| 2. The Support Organization | 20 minutes |
| 3. The Intelligence Structure | 20 minutes |
| 4. Operations | 30 minutes |
| 5. Mission and Directives | 30 minutes |

Second Meeting

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|----------------------------|------------|
| 1. The USSR and Satellites | 20 minutes |
| 2. Communist China | 20 minutes |
| 3. Southeast Asia | 20 minutes |
| 4. Western Europe | 20 minutes |
| 5. Latin America | 20 minutes |
| 6. Middle East and Africa | 20 minutes |

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RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR CIA SUBCOMMITTEE

1. The first meeting should be scheduled for the first week in March. At this meeting the Director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and his staff will review recent organizational changes and discuss current missions and directives. The second meeting should be held the third week in March and will review the problems in various parts of the world. Each of these briefings will be scheduled for two hours plus the necessary time for questions. Suggested agenda for these meetings are attached.

2. After the first two meetings it is suggested that a meeting be scheduled for every six weeks while the Congress is in session, or upon call of the Chairman. The Director of CIA may also recommend to the Chairman that special meetings be called should situations arise which he feels should be brought to the attention of the Subcommittee.

3. No transcript will be kept of the meetings, and all material discussed at the meetings will be regarded as classified unless otherwise indicated by the Chairman. Central Intelligence Agency spokesmen will in all instances indicate the classification of their subject. It is suggested that there be no publicity given the meetings with CIA, but that Subcommittee members be given leeway in acknowledging to the press that they had been briefed by CIA if to do otherwise would cause embarrassment. Central Intelligence Agency will not give any information to the press on the subject.

4. For security reasons it may be preferable to meet at CIA, although CIA has indicated its willingness to meet wherever the Subcommittee desires. Meetings at CIA would give their key officials a better chance to preserve their anonymity, and would also lessen the chances of arousing the interest of the press.

5. If any member of the Subcommittee is unable to attend any particular scheduled meeting, those who are able to attend will constitute a quorum. Central Intelligence Agency has indicated its willingness to repeat a briefing for those members unable to attend the original meeting, although for obvious reasons this is not a desirable procedure.

6. Central Intelligence Agency will keep the Chairman, or a member of the Subcommittee he may designate, or the staff representative, advised of any major developments which may affect it. Central Intelligence Agency will also be ready at all times to answer queries directed to it by the Subcommittee.

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